

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PR & RD Dept. – Sand Auctions – Payment of Advertisement Charges incurred for notifications on “auction of sand reaches” by the Mines and Geology Department on regular basis – release of outstanding dues – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (PTS.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 496

Dated 24.03.2012

Read the following:-

- 1) File in C.No.1924/M.I(1)/2011 of Industries & Commerce Dept.,
- 2) From the Commissioner, PR&RE, Hyderabad Lr.No.1344/
CPR&RE/C2/2012, dated 07.03.2012.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Industries and Commerce (Mines-I) Department have stated that the Government vide G.O.Ms.No.24 Ind. & Com. Dept., dated 12.2.2007 transferred the subject matter “auctioning of sand” from Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department to Industries & Commerce Department. Subsequently, certain amendments have been made to Rule 9-B of APMMC Rules, 1966 through G.O.Ms.No.84 Ind. & Com. Dept., dated 10.4.2007 devising revised procedure for auctioning of sand bearing areas. Among others, one of the conditions is that the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology concerned shall issue notice in “Form-S1” by publishing in (2) State Level Newspapers about conducting of auction as a part of wide publicity. As per G.O.Ms.No.84 I&C (M.I) Department, dated 10.4.2007, 95% of the knocked down amount of sand auctions is debited to the concerned Zilla Parishad Head of account and 5% of knocked down amount is debited to the State Government Head of Account.

2. The Industries and Commerce (Mines.I) Department have further stated that, due to non allotment of the budget for advertisement charges to the Mines & Geology Department, the issue of payment of advertisement charges is not getting resolved and accumulated the outstanding dues. Since the Local Bodies are the direct beneficiary in getting more revenue by issue of notifications in the Newspapers, the Industries & Commerce Department has proposed to issue of suitable instructions to the Chief Executive Officers of all Zilla Praja Parishads in the State for payment of Advertisement charges incurred for notification on “auction of sand reaches” in the concerned District and also to clear the outstanding dues of Advertisement charges and to pay the amount whenever the notification is issued on auctions of sand reaches on regular basis.

3. The A.P. News Papers Association has also represented on the above issue and requested the Government to issue necessary instructions to Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Praja Parishads in the State to accept the bills pertaining to the sand auction (within their jurisdiction) and clear all the pending bills as well as future publication bills on submission from time to time, to enable them to continue publication of the sand auctions notices immediately on receipt from the concerned.

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4. In the reference 2nd read above the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Employment, Hyderabad has stated that the local bodies are the direct beneficiaries of auctioning of sand. Hence, it may be more appropriate that payment of advertisement charges is made from Zilla Praja Parishads concerned from sand auction amounts. He has therefore requested the Government to issue appropriate orders in this matter.

5. In the circumstances reported by the Industries and Commerce Department and keeping in view the recommendations of the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Employment, Hyderabad, Government after careful examination, hereby accord permission to all the Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Praja Parishads in the State to clear the outstanding dues and to pay the advertisement charges for conducting "auction of sand reaches" from the funds of the sand auction amounts.

6. The Commissioner, PR&RE, Hyderabad/Chief Executive Officers in the State shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

C.R.BISWAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Employment, Hyderabad.

All the Chief Executive Officers, Zilla Praja Parishads in the State

Copy to:

The Industries & Commerce (Mines-I) Dept.

The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad.

All the District Collectors in the State.

All the Joint Collectors & Chairman, DLSC in the State

The PS to Principal Secretary to Government (PR)

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER